Dear public Hearing Judiciary Committee,

I am a lifelong CT resident. I am growing increasingly concerned about the never ending push for more gun control in this state. I am against HB-5397 and SB 477.

  Specifically section 7 in SB-477. I am all for data collection. I welcome it. I am not for data collection by an agenda driven committee funded by anti-gun groups. This will only lead to biased "data" reports. As we all know, data can and will be interpreted the way the collector sees fit.

  HB-5397 is especially concerning to me. I see the data will be available to the public. I would like to see the data collection processes available also. That's a critical component when analyzing the "data".

  Section 2 lines 45-49. The language in these lines is scary. What would constitute violence? By "identify" would that mean, for example, a registered Democrat or Republican?
Or maybe pro-gun or anti-gun? It's my understanding that language can be considered violence these days. I would like to have an exact definition of violence.

  In this data collection, will there be data on the use of a firearm for self defense purposes also? This is important data to have so we can see the the risk versus benefit data. According to the CDC there are between 600,000 and 2 million uses of firearms for self defense purposes. That's a drastic difference so it would be nice to narrow the numbers down.

  Please vote no on HB-5397 and Section 7 of SB-477. Thank you for your time.

Sent from Jeremy Collin